



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2015-0633]

Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet on August 5, 2015, in Washington, DC to discuss matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please note that this meeting may close early if the committee completes its business. Pre-registration, all submitted written materials, comments, and requests to make oral presentations at the meeting should reach Ms. Michelle Birchfield, Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee Alternate Designated Federal Officer on or before July 28, 2015. Any written material submitted by the public will be distributed to the committee and become part of the public

record.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters located at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20593 in Building 33, lower level conference room. All visitors to Coast Guard Headquarters will have to pre-register to be admitted to the facility. Please provide your full name, date of birth, and Social Security number by close of business on July 28, 2015, to the contact person listed in "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**" below. Additionally, all visitors to Coast Guard Headquarters must provide identification in the form of government-issued picture identification card for access to the facility. Please allow at least 30 minutes before the planned start of the meeting in order to pass through security.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**" below as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the "Agenda" section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than July 28, 2015, and must be identified by [USCG-2015-0633] and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington DC 20590-0001.
- **Hand Delivery:** Same as mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and use "USCG-2015-0633" in the "Search" box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

Public comments will be heard during the meeting on August 5, 2015. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 5 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the period allotted, following the

last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**" section below to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commandant (CG-WWM-2),
ATTN: Ms. Michelle Birchfield, Great Lakes Pilotage
Advisory Committee Alternate Designated Federal Officer,
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1537, fax 202-372-8387, or e-mail at
Michelle.R.Birchfield@uscg.mil. If you have questions on
viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Cheryl
Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-
366-9826 or 1-800-647-5527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given
under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5 U.S.C.
Appendix). The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee was
established under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 9307, and
makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security
and the Coast Guard on matters relating to Great Lakes
pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage
regulations and policies.

Further information about the Great Lakes Pilotage
Advisory Committee is available by going to the website:
<https://www.facadatabase.gov>. Click on the search tab and
type "Great Lakes" into the search form. Then select
"Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee" from the list. A
copy of all meeting documentation will also be available at

<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg552/pilotage.asp> by July 30, 2015. Alternatively, you may contact Ms. Michelle Birchfield as noted in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**" section above.

Agenda

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 to review, discuss, deliberate and formulate recommendations as appropriate on topics contained in the below agenda:

- (1) Status Report of action taken on Committee recommendations.
- (2) Ice Operations: Closing 2014/Opening 2015.
- (3) State of U.S. Great Lakes Pilotage.
- (4) Status of current rulemakings and audits.
- (5) Great Lakes Pilotage Management System (also known as Klein System) upgrade.
- (6) Pilot development.

Public comments or questions will be taken throughout the meeting as the committee discusses the issues and prior to deliberations and voting. There will also be a public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting will be available for public view and copying within 90 days following the meeting at <https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg552/pilotage.asp>.

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